

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

A WELCOMING,
INCLUSIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY,
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LANCASTER



PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

13 June 2021
at 10.00 am

A very warm welcome to all our visitors, especially if you are visiting us for the first time. There will be many of our church family who will not yet feel able to worship with us in church—though they continue to join us on the live-stream . To ensure the safety of all who are present in the Priory it is still mandatory to wear face masks unless exempt for medical reasons.

Please use the pews marked green and respect social distancing regulations when you take your seat.

Unfortunately, as singing is not yet permitted there are no hymns, though we are able to appreciate the organ and the choir. The collection plate will be at the back of Church or you can make an electronic payment, or join our Planned Giving Scheme.

Holy Communion will be given (only in one kind) at the chancel step, please follow the direction of the stewards, keeping social distancing as you line up and return via the side aisles to your seat.

We are encouraged to restrict socialising to outside the church after the service. We are grateful for your continued patience .

President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest
Readers: Malachi Powers, Evelyn Leong-Smith
Intercessor: Rachel Ann Powers
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Introit: *Movement in A flat* (Elisabeth Stirling)
Offertory: *Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* (Telemann)
Final Voluntary: *Toccata in Seven* (Rutter)
Choir setting: Darke in F
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Officiant: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

Services next Sunday 20 June—Trinity 3

8.00am Holy Communion
President: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am Priory Eucharist
President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest
4.00pm Family Service. President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

THE WELCOME and Notices -

*Please join in saying the words in **bold** type.*

We stand at the entry of the ministers.

The priest greets the congregation:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table we must recall the promises and
warnings given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves and repent of our sins.

In the wilderness we find your grace;

you love us with an everlasting love.

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

restore us and we shall know your joy. Lord, have mercy.

THE CHOIR SINGS THE KYRIE

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

*The priest pronounces the **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon
you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CHOIR SINGS THE GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord
God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy
One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 17: 22-end)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 92

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

*It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
To tell of your love early in the morning
and of your faithfulness in the night-time,
Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp,
and to the melody of the lyre.*

*For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts,
and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.
O Lord, how glorious are your works!
Your thoughts are very deep.*

*The senseless do not know,
nor do fools understand,
That though the wicked sprout like grass
and all the workers of iniquity flourish,
It is only to be destroyed for ever;
but you, O Lord, shall be exalted for evermore.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the 2nd Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 5.6-10;14-17)

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Deacon: The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

(Mark 4.26-34)

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and

day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Revd Canon Brenda Harding

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

God is love and those who live in love live in God and
God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

THE OFFERTORY *The Gifts are brought to the Altar.*

The priest prepares the bread and wine

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

*Please remain standing, if you feel able, until after we have recited the Lord's
Prayer together and seen the bread broken before us.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be
glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all
things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In
the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all
creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and
archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to
sing your praise:

THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Deacon:

This is the mystery of faith

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

(each in our own language)

Our Father,

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Please kneel or sit

THE CHOIR SINGS THE AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

The priest invites the congregation to receive communion

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord; whoever comes to me will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

All Christians who are members in good standing of their own denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion (only the Bread). Please follow directions from the stewards and maintain social distancing as you line up. Holy Communion is received from the priest at the chancel step, as the communion wafer is placed on your palm. If you would prefer to receive a Blessing, please bring this order of service with you. If you require a gluten free wafer please bring a green card which you can find near the entrance to the church.

During the Communion the choir sings the anthem: My eyes for beauty pine (Coxhead)

*My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace : No other care
nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above : 'Tis named
when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes
that mirror part Of that celestial fire.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon: Our Eucharist is ended,
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY MARY DAVIS.
SHARED BIRTHDAY MEMORIES FOR
GRAHAM DAVIS AND IVY (BROWN) BRETTELL
ON THE 14TH JUNE**

**AND ALSO BY VIOLET HOUGHRAIN
IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH
WHO DIED ON 13TH JUNE 1998**



A Prayer during the Vacancy at Lancaster Priory

**Almighty God,
in the company of your saints,
in the footsteps of those who have worshipped here before us,
we, your pilgrim people of Lancaster Priory
wait upon your Spirit in calling a priest to your service here.
Bless our Patrons and Patronage Committee,
our PCC and all concerned for this appointment.
With those who feel drawn to serve you in this place,
help us to discern your purpose,
nourish our hopes for our new life together,
prepare us afresh for witness to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**



The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.

If your income is keeping up, please consider using the QR code to make a donation to the work of the Priory. We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.

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